



Geography Policy

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Approval and Review

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April 2022	May 2022	Page 3	Updated vision
April 2022		Page 3	Updated 'Teaching Method'
April 2022		Page 4	Deleted SATs related wording- not appropriate for Geography
April 2022		Page 4	Updated 'Formative Assessment' to include how we assess on assessment sheets.

Vision of the Subject

At Moorpark, we aim to ensure that Geography is embedded into our primary curriculum, providing meaningful learning experiences for all pupils. By the time that our pupils leave Moorpark, we aim to have grown their curiosity in both their immediate surroundings and in places and environments in the wider world. We aim to embed an interest and fascination to investigate a variety of human and physical characteristics of different places, both local and afar, through purposeful research and careful questioning.

We provide children with many opportunities to use a range of geographical skills to help them understand, present, analyse and communicate a range of information either collaboratively or as an individual. These skills are put into practice both inside and outside the classroom through local fieldwork and trips.

Equal Opportunities / Inclusion

Moorpark ensures that all children gain equal access to the Geography curriculum regardless of gender, ethnicity, ability or individual need.

A variety of teaching and learning styles are employed including visual, auditory and kinaesthetic approaches within whole class sessions, ability and mixed ability groups, pairs and individual teaching and learning in order to cater for all individual needs. We enable all, to fully access the curriculum by making 'reasonable adjustments' to overcome any barriers.

Teaching Method

Geography is taught through specific topics in all year groups, where children will have the opportunity to build on skills from previous years. These units will consist of around six lessons, with a different National Curriculum Geography skill focus for each individual lesson. Where appropriate, the Geography being taught will link to the History unit that is also being taught in the classroom. If not appropriate, Geography will be taught as a stand-alone lesson. In Geography lessons, children will be taught knowledge along with an appropriate skill, which will be assessed through their work at the end of the lesson.

Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Land Use• Rainforests• The UK• What's it like in Blackpool and Stoke on Trent?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• All Around the World• Extreme Earth• Somewhere to Settle• Water	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Enough for Everyone• Exploring Eastern Europe• Magnificent Mountains• Marvellous Maps	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Our Changing World• Rivers• The Amazing Americas• Trade and Economics

Planning

Long term planning incorporates all the statutory requirements of the National Curriculum (2014). This is pupil driven through enquiry led questions devised by the children, ensuring they have ownership of their learning and next steps. Long term planning focuses greatly on exploration through half termly visits, visitors and through the development of higher order questioning skills.

Medium term planning is informed by both formative and summative assessment information.

Short term planning is skills based and is prepared by the classroom teacher on a weekly or daily basis. Pupils are given opportunities, where appropriate, to develop, apply and extend their basic skills and ICT capability in their study of Geography.

Assessment, Record Keeping and Monitoring

Staff at Moorpark use the results of ongoing formative assessment to help them make informed decisions about the progress of individual children, set targets and inform planning.

Formative Assessment

Suitable tasks for assessment include:

- ❖ Observations of individuals or small groups while they partake in group activities. Record by video or annotated work.
- ❖ Marking against success criteria and learning outcomes.
- ❖ Questioning and discussion with pupil/s about their work.
- ❖ Annotated pupil drawings and labelled diagrams, tables and charts.
- ❖ Concept cartoons/ mind mapping at the start and end of half termly units.
- ❖ Work created for Geography floorbook/individual work folders.
- ❖ Half termly assessment opportunities, testing key objectives and skills.

At Moorpark, teachers will record on a whole class assessment sheet the date of an activity, the skill and knowledge that has been taught, along with those children who achieved above or below age-expected level. Those that are not recorded on the sheets will have achieved age-related.

Summative Assessment

Using higher order questioning and thinking skills, children will identify what they already know, would like to know and afterwards what they have learnt.

Monitoring and Evaluation

The subject leader and senior leadership team take responsibility for the monitoring of the Geography curriculum and the standards achieved by the pupils. Monitoring, to inform action planning and key priorities, takes the form of:

- ❖ Lesson observations
- ❖ Scrutiny of work and planning
- ❖ Formal and informal discussions
- ❖ Scrutiny of Geography floorbooks

Record Keeping

- ❖ Assessment records are kept of individual pupils who are achieving below or above ARE
- ❖ On weekly plans, staff note pupils that exceed or struggle to meet the required level of attainment

Health and Safety

All teachers complete risk assessments for educational visits using the online tool EVOLVE. The school educational visits co-ordinator and headteacher view the risk assessments at least three weeks prior to any visit for approval by the headteacher. The local authority are responsible for the external approval of any high risk educational outdoor activities.

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